

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE  
FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROGRAMS  
PROCESSED PRODUCTS BRANCH

**NOTICE TO THE TRADE**

**SUBJECT: AVAILABILITY OF PHOTO-GUIDE FOR FROZEN CARROTS  
ILLUSTRATING COLOR AND DEFECTS**

The Processed Products Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture hereby notifies the food industry and other interested parties of the availability of a newly issued photo-guide illustrating color and defects on the basis of the United States Standards for Grades of Frozen Carrots.

The photo-guide consists of a fourteen-page book with color photographs illustrating acceptable color ranges and variations for Grade "A" frozen carrots. The photo-guide also illustrates and provides guidance for scoring the following defects: Cracked and Broken, Poor and Improper Trim, Dehydration, Unpeeled Areas, Blemished and Seriously Blemished Units. The new photo-guide, "PG-10 Photo-Guide for Frozen Carrots Illustrating Color and Defects," dated April 2005 replaces an earlier photo-guide, "PG-3 Photo-Guides for Frozen Carrots and Canned Carrots Illustrating Color and Defects" when grading frozen carrots. The earlier book remains in effect when grading canned carrots. This inspection aid was developed in cooperation with the industry to promote uniform interpretation and application of the U.S. Standards for Grades of Frozen Carrots when evaluating color and defects.

The pages, which are not laminated, may be cleaned by gently wiping with a soft non-abrasive cloth using warm water and a mild soap solution and dried with a soft cloth. The books should be stored away from heat and light when not in use.

For more information on the use of these inspection aids, or, to place an order, please contact:

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